Privatisation in Calcutta Port

8122. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE. Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether privatisation in the ports sector has made progress in the Calcutta Port Trust;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether privatisation has made any headway in any other ports in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At Haldia Dock Complex two berths have been leased to M/s TISCO and M/s SAIL respectively. At Calcutta Dock System two dry docks have been leased to a private party.

(c) and (d) At the Ports such as Bombay, Kandla, Tuticorin, Visakhapatnam, Madras, New Mangalore and Mormugao maintenance and operation of cargo berths, oil berths, provision of handling equipment, creation of ship repair facilities, storage and despatch facilities etc. have been privatised. These are expected to bring in an investment of Rs. 2,500 crores.

Allocation of Funds for exponsion of Major Ports

8123. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds earmarked by Government for the expansion of major ports;

(b) whether external aid has also been sought for the purrose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are the major ports proposed to be expanded under the ports expansion programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) An outlay of Rs. 2984 crores has been provided in Eighth Five Year Plan 1992-97 for various development schemes aiming at expansion of Major Ports.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The outlay of Rs. 2984 crores in Eighth Five Year Plan includes external aid component of Rs. 946 crores.

(d) All the eleven Major Ports namely Calcutta|Haldia, Bombay, Jawaharlal Nehru, Madras, Cochin, Visakhapatnam, Paradip, Kandla, Mormugao, New Mangalore and Tuticorin are covered under the expansion programme.

Theft of Consignments at Paradip Port

8124. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been frequent incidents of theft of consignments in Paradip Port, Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to curb such incidents;

(c) whether it is a fact that quality of services offered in that port is far from satisfactory; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken to improve the quality of services in that port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has been entrusted to look after the security arrangements in Paradip port. The security arrangements are reviewed from time to time to minimise the incidents of theft from the port premises